



Robert S. "Bob" Baker

December 12, 1942 - February 26, 2026

Robert S. "Bob" Baker, 83, of Old Trail Road, Fonda, passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at Albany Medical Center.

He was born in Morris, NY on December 12, 1942, a son of James A. and Edith Parish Baker and moved to Amsterdam as a child. Bob attended school in Amsterdam and was a long-time area resident. He lived in Florida for 13 years and returned to Johnstown in 2014.

Mr. Baker was employed at Amsterdam Brush for five years and later worked as a machinist at General Electric Co. in Schenectady for 35 years. He retired in 1997.

Bob was a former member of the Town of Florida Volunteer Fire Department and the Chuctanunda Fish & Game Club.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Amsterdam.

Bob enjoyed bowling, hunting, and fishing. When he was younger, he enjoyed snowmobiling and motorcycling. He also loved tinkering in his garage doing small motor repairs. Most of all, Bob enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryle Paro Baker, whom he married in 1961; three children, Kathleen (James) DeRuscio of Middle Grove, Robert Baker (Barbara) of Amsterdam, and Chad Baker (Brenda) of Gloversville; two brothers, Cecil (Carol) Baker of Tribes Hill and John (Caroline) Baker of Tampa, FL; a sister, Mary (Gene) McInnis of Palm Coast, FL; five grandchildren, Jesse Richardson, Kyle DeRuscio, Alicia Morin, Dylan Baker,

and Alexis Shepard; a great-grandson, Bentley; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 4 – 6pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A prayer service will follow at the funeral home at 6pm with The Rev. O. Robert DeMartinis, officiating. Spring burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Tribes Hill. Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Carmel Church/ Christian Women or the Mohawk Valley Delta Water Fowl, both in care of the funeral home.

UPDATE SPRING BURIAL INFORMATION:

A graveside service is set for Bob on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 2 p.m. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Tribes Hill with The Rev. O. Robert DeMartinis, officiating.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
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Prayer Service

MAR 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Final Burial

MAY 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pine Grove Cemetery
Mohawk Drive
Tribes Hill, NY 12177

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Sending All my Love, Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.

Sending All my Love, Amy - March 03 at 03:56 PM

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“ Sending All my Love, Amy purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.



Sending All my Love, Amy - March 03 at 03:56 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.



March 03 at 09:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.

March 02 at 07:54 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.*



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“ *Donna, Laurie and Sara Morin purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.*



Donna, Laurie and Sara Morin - March 02 at 10:59 AM



“ *Love, Robin & KK purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.*



Love, Robin & KK - March 01 at 10:12 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.*



February 28 at 06:44 PM

DM

“ Dawn Morin purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Baker.



Dawn Morin - February 28 at 03:49 PM